

CLAIMS

1. A method of playing a craps game that includes a jackpot, wherein three dice are used in at least the come-out roll, the method comprising:

- (a) funding the progressive jackpot with an ante from each player who places a bet in the craps game;
- (b) initiating a chance for the current players to win the progressive jackpot whenever a first predetermined outcome occurs in the come-out roll;
- (c) awarding the progressive jackpot to the current players if a roll subsequent to the come-out roll having a first predetermined outcome has a second predetermined outcome; and
- (d) using the outcome of at least two of the dice of the come-out roll to determine the outcome of the craps game only if the come-out roll does not achieve the first predetermined outcome.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

- (e) holding a special jackpot event, wherein all players who won the progressive jackpot over a number of the successive craps games are eligible for playing the special jackpot event, the special jackpot event conducting one or more successive elimination rounds, each round:
 - (i) assigning a unique dice roll number to each eligible player who chooses to participate in the special jackpot event, the total number of dice rolls for each round thereby being equal to the total number of participating players in the round, and
 - (ii) selecting the players with the same highest dice roll sums to advance to a successive round; and
- (f) selecting the special jackpot winner to be the last player that remains from the elimination rounds.

3. The method of claim 2 further comprising:

- (g) holding a final jackpot round for the special jackpot winner, the final jackpot round being a predetermined number of successive rolls of one die per roll, the award being determined by:
 - (i) a multiple of the dice outcome if the first die roll is not a "6";
 - (ii) a successively increasing jackpot amount if each of the dice rolls is a "6", each round offering a choice to the special jackpot winner to discontinue the game and retain some or all of

the previously won jackpot amount or continue to play and risk losing some or all of the previously won jackpot amount.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the first predetermined outcome is a roll of three sixes.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the second predetermined outcome is a roll of three sixes.

6. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

(e) a game attendant rolling the dice onto an unmarked table to determine the outcome of a roll;
and

(f) at least some of the players placing their antes and bets via electronic game terminals.

7. The method of claim 6 further comprising:

(g) capturing live video of the dice roll onto the table; and

(h) providing the live video to the players at the electronic game terminals.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the progressive jackpot is awarded by being evenly split among the current players.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the subsequent roll occurs immediately after a roll where the first predetermined outcome occurs in a come-out roll.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein two dice are a first color and the third die is a second color, and step (d) further comprises using the outcome of the two dice having the same first color to determine whether there is a win, loss, or whether a new point number is established if the come-out roll does not achieve the first predetermined outcome.

11. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

(e) using a different set of dice for the roll subsequent to the come-out roll having a first predetermined outcome.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the dice are rolled only by game attendants.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein the ante includes a fixed first monetary value and either a pass line bet or a don't pass line bet of at least a second monetary value.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein the ante is mandatory.

15. A craps game that includes a jackpot, wherein three dice are used in at least the come-out roll, the craps game having a progressive jackpot funded with an ante from each player who places a bet in the craps game, the craps game (i) initiating a chance for the current players to win the progressive jackpot whenever a first predetermined outcome occurs in the come-out roll, (ii) awarding the progressive jackpot to the current players if a roll subsequent to the come-out roll having a first predetermined outcome has a second predetermined outcome, and (iii) using the outcome of at least two of the dice of the come-out roll to determine the outcome of the craps game only if the come-out roll does not achieve the first predetermined outcome.

16. The craps game of claim 15 further comprising:

a special jackpot event, wherein all players who won the progressive jackpot over a number of the successive craps games are eligible for playing the special jackpot event, the special jackpot event conducting one or more successive elimination rounds, each round assigning a unique dice roll number to each eligible player who chooses to participate in the special jackpot event, the total number of dice rolls for each round thereby being equal to the total number of participating players in the round, and selecting the players with the same highest dice roll sums to advance to a successive round, wherein the special jackpot winner is the last player that remains from the elimination rounds.

17. The craps game of claim 16 further comprising:

a final jackpot round for the special jackpot winner, the final jackpot round being a number of successive rolls of one die per roll, the award being determined by a multiple of the dice outcome if the first die roll is not a "6", or a successively increasing jackpot amount if each of the dice rolls is a "6", each round offering a choice to the special jackpot winner to

discontinue the game and retain some or all of the previously won jackpot amount or continue to play and risk losing some or all of the previously won jackpot amount.

18. The craps game of claim 15 wherein the first predetermined outcome is a roll of three sixes.

19. The craps game of claim 18 wherein the second predetermined outcome is a roll of three sixes.

20. The craps game of claim 15 further comprising

an unmarked table for allowing a game attendant to roll the dice onto to determine the outcome of a roll; and

a plurality of electronic game terminals for allowing at least some of the players to place their antes and bets.

21. The craps game of claim 20 further comprising:

a video recorder which captures live video of the dice roll onto the table, the live video being provided to the players at the electronic game terminals.

22. The craps game of claim 15 wherein the progressive jackpot is awarded by being evenly split among the current players.

23. The craps game of claim 15 wherein the subsequent roll occurs immediately after a roll where the first predetermined outcome occurs in a come-out roll.

24. The craps game of claim 15 wherein two dice are a first color and the third die is a second color, and the outcome of the two dice having the same first color is used to determine whether there is a win, loss, or whether a new point number is established if the come-out roll does not achieve the first predetermined outcome.

25. The craps game of claim 15 wherein a different set of dice is used for the roll subsequent to the come-out roll having a first predetermined outcome.

26. The craps game of claim 15 wherein the dice are rolled only by game attendants.

27. The craps game of claim 15 wherein the ante includes a fixed first monetary value and either a pass line bet or a don't pass line bet of at least a second monetary value.

28. The craps game of claim 15 wherein the ante is mandatory.